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July 22, 2014

Reward Offer in the Murder of John Wayne Whitmore

On June 13, 2014 at approximately 1:18 p.m., 65-year old John Wayne Whitmore was beaten while standing on a Blue Line train platform located on the 10000 block of Willowbrook Avenue, between Imperial Highway and Wilmington Avenue. Mr. Whitmore was standing on the rail line platform waiting for a train when two females approached him. A brief verbal argument ensued between Mr. Whitmore and the suspects, who then both began beating him with their fists and kicked him severely causing him to collapse. John sustained blunt force trauma to the head; he was transported to St. Francis Hospital where he succumbed to his injury a week later on June 20.

One suspect is described as an African American woman between 18-21 years of age, approximately 5'4" tall, and approximately 140 pounds, wearing a black hat, black t-shirt and long shorts. The second suspect, also an African American woman between 18-21 years of age, is approximately 5'6" tall, and 160 pounds, wearing white

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shorts and a white blouse. They both fled the platform on foot in an unknown direction.

Mr. Whitmore is survived by a sister, two brothers and 13 nieces and nephews. He lived at his residence for 65 years and was a very talented artist. The investigators believe that a reward offer would be helpful in solving this senseless murder of pure malice, and bring closure to Mr. Whitmore's family.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Establish the offer of a reward in the amount of \$10,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of the person(s) responsible for the murder of 65-year old John Wayne Whitmore, who was beaten on June 13, 2014 at approximately 1:18 p.m., while standing on a Blue Line train platform located on the 10000 block of Willowbrook Avenue, between Imperial Highway and Wilmington Avenue, and succumbed to his injury on June 20, 2014.

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